PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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A POLYPEPTIDE, A cDNA ENCODING THE POLYPEPTIDE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for a second month's extension of time, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, from February 19, 2003, to on or before March 18, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$300.00 $^{1/2}$ is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicants filed a Petition for one-month extension of time, along with the required fee, on February 19, 2003. Hence, the balance due for the second-month extension of time is submitted herewith.